

REMARKS

Claims 1-78 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-78 are subject to a restriction requirement and/or election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Election of Species Requirement

The Examiner has indicated that Applicants' invention is directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- a. Hydrophobic monomer (a)
- b. Hydrophilic monomer (b)
- c. Partially hydrophilic monomer (c)
- d. Polyfunctional aziridine crosslinker
- e. Surfactant

Applicants elect the following species of the invention, with traverse:

- a. 2-ethylhexyl acrylate as the hydrophobic monomer
- b. acrylic acid as the hydrophilic monomer
- c. methyl acrylate as the partially hydrophilic monomer
- d. trimethylolpropane tris[([β]-N-aziridiny)propionate]
- e. allyl amine salt of dodecylbenzene sulfonate as the surfactant

Applicants identify the following claims as being readable on this elected species:

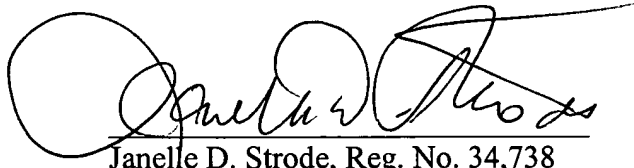
Claims 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36, 41, 44, 46, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 61, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, and 78. Claims 1, 20, 50, 51, and 65 are generic.

CONCLUSIONS

Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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